

# Light Air

Newsletter of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

July 2017



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## 2017 Open House



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# Lake Yosemite Sailing Association

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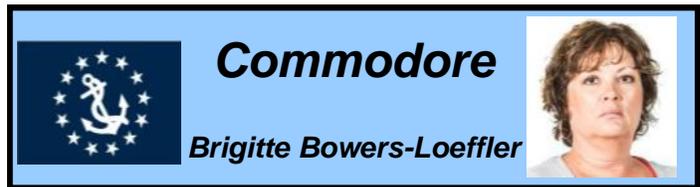
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### **Submissions:**

**Deadline is the 22nd of each month**

**Submit with LYSA in the Subject Line**

to Chris Martin:  
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LYSA members are having a wonderful summer sailing season. Our 2018 Open House was a success, and I'd like to thank everyone who helped out. Jay Sousa, of course, deserves the most gratitude for organizing the event. Others who cooked, cleaned, set up tables, and just did general duties are Diane Sousa, Rachel Hadley, Debbie and Tim Harden, Mike Bloed, Dennis Wainwright, Peggy Larson (who once again organized the raffle items), and Dan Farmer. There were many others who helped to make the event successful, also. Thanks to all of them.

Our sail camp junior counselors worked as waiters for the Open House again this year, and I'd like to take the opportunity to thank them. They really do a terrific job. A shout out to Bridget Farmer, Joe Malta, Jacob Harden, Kate Colvin, Sharon Antener, Colin Frost, Casey Bower-Loeffler, and Everett Bowers-Loeffler. With the exception of Kate, who is our newest junior counselor, these kids have been serving tables at the shrimp feed for many years, and I'm very proud of them. They also had help this year from Richard Kleitman's Sea Scouts group: Sasha Tilakamonkel, Hunter Rae, and CJ Nunes. The Sea Scouts were a great addition to our serving crew, and we hope to see the program continue to grow.

The junior counselors are a testament to the success of sail camp, and once again junior sailors are having a fun summer of sailing. We've had two weeks of sail camp so far, one for overnight NROTC and one for regular day campers. Four more weeks of regular day camp are scheduled; one week is already full and another is close to full. Thanks to generous donations from Gary Hogston, who has donated to sail camp for as long as it has been in existence, and Tom Cooke and Debbie Dietz-Neves, along with proceeds from the Open House and Matt's Taco Thursdays, we have been able to provide two partial scholarships and seven full scholarships to junior campers this summer. Four of those scholarships went to foster kids through referrals from Merced CASA. We are hoping to be able to provide at least two more scholarships before summer is over. We've also added a lead teacher this year, Bridget Farmer, who has been involved in sail camp since she was eight years old, and another new junior counselor, Kylie Nicholson, one of our veteran junior sailors. Kylie will volunteer for one week, and we hope to

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have her back again next year.

The Sea Scouts, with help from Richard Kleitman, will be serving Sunday Brunch at the lake on July 23 at 10:00. Rachel Hadley's June brunch set a very high standard for our summer brunches, but I know the Sea Scouts are up to the challenge. By the way, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Rachel for putting on and funding an incredible brunch.

The High Sierra Regatta is July 8-9 and 15-16. Matt and I will be going on the second weekend. Tim and Jacob Harden and Mike Streatly will race that weekend. I'll be relaxing on the beach, sipping gin & tonics, and watching them. Hope to see some other LYSA members there!

On Saturday, July 22, from 4:00-8:00, Richard Kleitman will host a day of sailing for special needs kids and their families. Water guns will possibly be involved. The festivities will end with a hamburger and hot dog barbecue. This is an opportunity to participate in a really fun event.

Finally, I'd like to remind members that we're going to be voting on changes to our by-laws at the July membership meeting. The proposed changes include eliminating the past commodore position and re-assigning fund raising responsibilities to other board members. The revisions are included at the end of this newsletter. The proposed revisions are underlined. Article VI, Section 2 and Article VII, Section, 2 were passed years ago, but the updates never made it into the handbook. The changes we will be voting on can be found in Article VII, Section 1 and Article VIII, Sections 1 and 6. Please read them and attend the meeting.



**House Captain**  
**Peg Larson**



HOT, HOT, HOT is all I can say!

Hope everyone is enjoying their sailing season at one of the best places to be on a summer day/night in Merced. The fence repair is coming along slowly but looking good. Nothing more to report regarding the house or garage just please remember to pick up after yourself and if anything is needed contact me directly or leave a note on the corkboard in the kitchen.

See you on the water!



**Vice Commodore**  
**Tom Cooke**



Lots of boats are in the water now and the racing season is well underway.

I encourage everyone to check out our by-laws and the proposed changes coming up for a vote soon. Now is the time to comment on the changes or ask questions of your board about the proposed changes.

My hat is off the Jay Sousa and everyone who helped with the Open House on June 24, 2017. Jay and his crew did a wonderful job in organizing this important fundraiser for our club and for our Junior Sailing program. I also want to give a big shout out to everyone who donated raffle prizes and baked pies, cakes and cookies for our auction. Two thumbs up and a half snap back for Dennis Wainwright's delicious pie which was consumed in short order.

I hope more club members will take the time to step up and help with our event next year. In addition to helping our Junior Sailing program, this event raises money to help with the improvements and the maintenance of our club house and grounds. Past events paid for this spring's repairs to our walkway and the paint job on the house and garage as well as fixing and painting our fence. Your participation is sorely needed to keep our facility in good repair. Dues alone are not enough to keep our house in ship shape.

Don't forget, July 4<sup>th</sup> is a good time to come out to the lake and BBQ. If you stay after dark you will be able to see fireworks up, down and across the valley from our docks or on your boat.

See you at the lake!

# Membership Meeting

Join us... on Tuesday, July 11th

6:00 pm *Dinner / Social*

6:45 pm *Membership Meeting*

8:00 pm *Board Meeting*



Must start off my article again with praise for my Race Committee! Thank you Steve Leonard for setting the marks each and every week. Thank you Amy Davis for doing whatever task is needed on the docks. Thank you Don Hadley for your assistance with the Starts and for tirelessly picking up the marks after every race. Thank you Miranda for your support both on the docks and the computer. Speaking of computer, thank you to Mike Streatly for inputting the races, publishing the results on the web & solving computer issues for us. (Also, for making me laugh!) You are all appreciated!

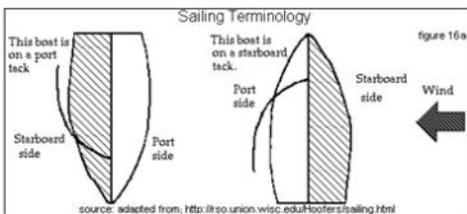
Last issue I included information about **The Rules and Principles** from the 2017-2020 Sailor's Guide to Racing Rule published by USSailing. This month I am following up with **Definitions & Right-of-way rules**.

**Definitions:**

**Leeward and Windward:** A boat's leeward side is the side that is away from the wind. The other side is her windward side. When two boats on the same tack overlap, the one on the leeward side of the other is the leeward boat. And yes, the other is the windward boat.

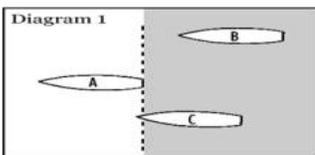


**Starboard or Port:** A boat is on the tack corresponding to her windward side. A boat is on a port tack when the



wind flows over the port side of the boat first, and then hits the sail. A boat is on a starboard tack when the opposite occurs.

**Clear Astern and Clear Ahead:** A boat is clear astern of another boat when she is behind an imaginary line drawn abeam from the stern of the other boat. The other boat is clear ahead. In the picture, Boat A is clear ahead Boat B. Boat B is clear astern Boat A. Boat C has overlapped Boat A. **Overlap** is when neither boat is clear astern of the other.



**Room:** The space a boat needs in the existing wind and water conditions, while maneuvering promptly in a sea-

manlike way.

**Proper Course:** A boat's proper course is the course she would sail to finish as soon as possible.

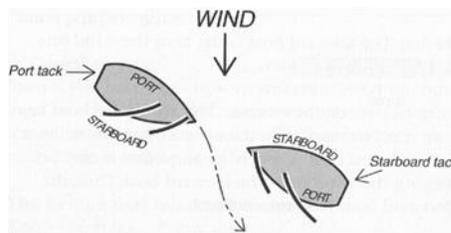
Now on to the good stuff! **Right-of-way-rules!** By the way, racing rules are written for situations with 2 boats. For 3 or more boats, just apply the rules to each pair of boats.

There are 4 (only 4) basic **right-of-way-rules**. Whenever two boats are sailing near each other, one of them has the right of way and the other must keep clear.

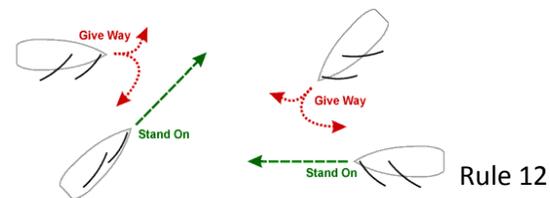
**Another definition first... Keep clear-**A boat keeps clear of a right-of-way boat if the right-of-way boat can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action.

**1. Opposite Tacks:** When boats are on opposite tacks the boat on port tack must **keep clear** of a boat on starboard tack. The boat on starboard tack has right-of way! Rule 10 Remember port & starboard have everything to do with the wind. See definition above.

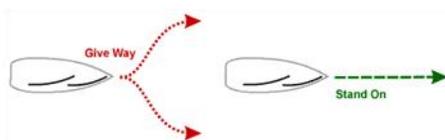
**2. Same Tack, Overlapped:** When boats are on the same tack AND overlapped, the windward boat must **keep clear** of the leeward boat. Rule 11



**3. Same Tack, Not overlapped:** A boat clear astern must **keep clear** of a boat that is clear ahead.



**4. Tacking:** A boat that is tacking shall **keep clear** of other boats. When this rule applies, the other 3 right-of-way rules do not.



Next month, **General Limitations & Rules at marks.**  
See you at the lake!



## Secretary

**Chris Martin**



LYSA Membership Meeting Call to Order: A meeting of the LYSA Membership was held on June 13, 2017 at the LYSA Clubhouse. The meeting convened at 7:05 pm. Commodore Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler presiding.

**Reports-Actions-Discussions:** Commodore Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler welcomed members to the meeting. Invited Board/Committee Members to report.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were read by Debbie Harden. Corrections: the date of the next meeting. Discussion about not including Treasury report dollar amounts in the published monthly newsletter. The reason being that the newsletter is available to anyone, not just Members. A motion was made to approve & was seconded. Motion carried.

**Secretary:** Chris Martin not present.

**Vice Commodore:** Nothing to report

**House Captain:** Fence will be worked on before the Open House. If there are concerns about the House, Peggy reminds members to call her and let her know.

**Dock Captain:** Water level was up for the Regatta and continues to stay up. The dock issue reported to John has been repaired. Another issue reported, will be looked into and repaired as needed. Please report any issues to John.

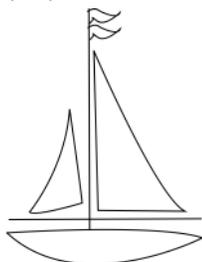
**Race Captain:** We had a record number of sailors at the Regatta (37). The Thursday night races are going well. We have 11 racers signed up. RC would like input on the new courses. RC asked

## Sailor's Calendar: July

Show up for Thursday Night races & Taco Night.  
Second Half of the racing season starts July 6th.

Check your dock lines regularly if you are not on a floating or dry dock.

Make sure to stay hydrated while sailing.



## Upcoming Events

### July, 2017

- 4 Independence Day Potluck Lunch BBQ & Fun Sail Jack & Jill Race, Skippers 3:30, Race at 4, BBQ to follow
- 8-9 High Sierra Regatta, small boat, Huntington Lake
- 15-16 High Sierra Regatta, large boat, Huntington Lake
- 22 Special Needs Sailing Day
- 23 Sunday Brunch at the Clubhouse, 10 am

### August, 2017

- 4-5 Pinecrest small boat trip

### September, 2017

- 2-4 Delta trip

### October, 2017

- Fleet Week SF Bay
- 7-9 Monterey Trip, RSVP ASAP to Ed
- 21 End of Year Party / Election / Dinner / Awards

### November, 2017

### December, 2017

- 2 Christmas Party

### January, 2018

- 1 Frostbite Regatta

### February, 2018

- SF Bay
- Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series

### March, 2018

- General / Board Meeting
- St. Patrick's Day at the Lake—Social 5/ Dinner at 6 pm
- Oakland Yacht Club Sunday Brunch Series
- Petaluma trip

### April, 2018

- 6th Annual Chili Fest. Bring your best Chili - 5 pm
- Strictly Sail Pacific, Richmond
- Livingston Kite Festival—8:30 to 4:30
- Don Pedro trip

### May, 2018

- LYSA Opening Day
- LYSA Thursday Night Summer Series Begins
- LYSA Spring Regatta

### June, 2018

- Gold Country Regatta
- Sunday Brunch at the Clubhouse - 9-11 am, \$5
- Open House/Shrimp Feed
- Delta Doo Dah

**Dates are To Be Determined. Subject to change.**

the Treasurer the amount in the budget for the RC.

**Social/Cruise Captain:** Matt thanked Steve Leonard for the power boat fix. "It runs so much better!" Complimented Brigitte on the idea of breakfast Sundays to raise money for the JR. Sailing Program and Rachel for the first breakfast that was held last Sunday. Only problem, Rachel set the bar too high for Sundays to come. Breakfasts will be once a month. The next breakfast will be hosted by Richard Kleitman and the profit will go to the SeaScouts. Delta Doo Dah is on hold because of lack of participation/schedule conflicts. High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake is being held in July. Small boats: July 8-9 Big boats: July 15-16 Taco Thursday is going really well. JR. Sail this week is the ROTC students (2 schools combined). Originally had another ROTC scheduled for next week, but their funding wasn't in place. The week is going well and the students are learning a lot.

**Treasurer:** Diane made her treasure report. Membership is at 64 families. A good profit was made on the Regatta. Thanks to the Stapps for the donation of tritip & chicken. The donation boosted our usual profits.

**Past Commodore:** Counting days to the Regatta and feeling the stress. A flyer will be created and shared to those who need one for ticket sales.

Dennis Wainwright has volunteered to cook the shrimp. Tim Harden & Matt Loeffler will assist. Jay asked Tim to check the equipment before the Open House.

Kitchen staff: Mike Bloed will cook the pasta. JR Sailors will assist with serving again. Rachel Hadley volunteered to run the kitchen with Brigitte as the Second.

Discussion about kitchen clean up. Check into having a separate team for that.

Decorations will be handled by Debbie Harden Saturday morning.

Friday: Set up about 6:00 p.m.

Raffle: need someone to organize the event on Saturday morning. Casey will MC. There will be a dessert auction.

Sailboat rides: need someone to organize. Casey & Tim both usually take people out. Others?

Sequence of events: 3-6 Sailboat Rides, 5-6 John Albano Band plays, 6-7ish Dinner, 6:30 Auction/Raffle Band plays again after dinner for 2 hours. (7-9) Also sunlight sails encouraged.

Wine: Discussion about wine for the tables. 1 red/1white Jay will contact Jerry & Suzanne to see about a donation. Tom Cooke will also check with a winery about a donation.

Ice: Rick Lungdren has taken care of this in the past and will do it again.

Much discussion about getting members to participate in the event in some way. An idea was presented to introduce the idea at the Christmas Party one of larger member turn-outs.

**Commodore/SailCamp:** Regatta was wonderful. Thank you Jay. Rachel received a big thank you for the Sunday brunch and her donation of the supplies. The Stapps were thanked for their donation to the Regatta. The next sail camp is June 26th and there are scholarships available.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Brigitte went over the proposed by-law revisions that will be voted on July 11, 2017 at the General Membership meeting. Much discussion about the ideas. There was discussion on the lack of turn out on the part of the Membership to discuss the changes. The three members who were there were asked for input. All were in favor. One member suggested that we keep the Past Commodore position so that the new board could have an advisor, but go ahead and change the responsibilities of that position. Brigitte suggested that it didn't need to be a Board position. The prior Commodore, as well as all past Commodores could be called on for advice. The big idea of eliminating the position is to make the time commitment 2 years rather than 3. Much discussion about postponing the vote because of the lack of response. This was rejected. The revised by-laws will be sent via email to members and will be voted on at the next meeting. There was a suggestion about voting by email. That was also rejected. The Board would like to see members interested and showing up to vote.

**Good of the Order:** Tom Cooke complimented Jay on putting together the Regatta.

Note was made that Lee & Ann Anderson were out for the Sunday breakfast. He is an inspiration.

Tom made a motion to end the meeting. Jerry seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

LYSA Board Meeting called to order at 8:45 pm

New members : Alan & Shawna Lemke (sponsored by Ron Stapp) and Tim & Genevieve Garcia (sponsored by Frank Lemke) were discussed as new members. Tom moved to approve, Matt second, Motion carried.

Discussion about participation by attendance and participation by serving. The value of both was emphasized.

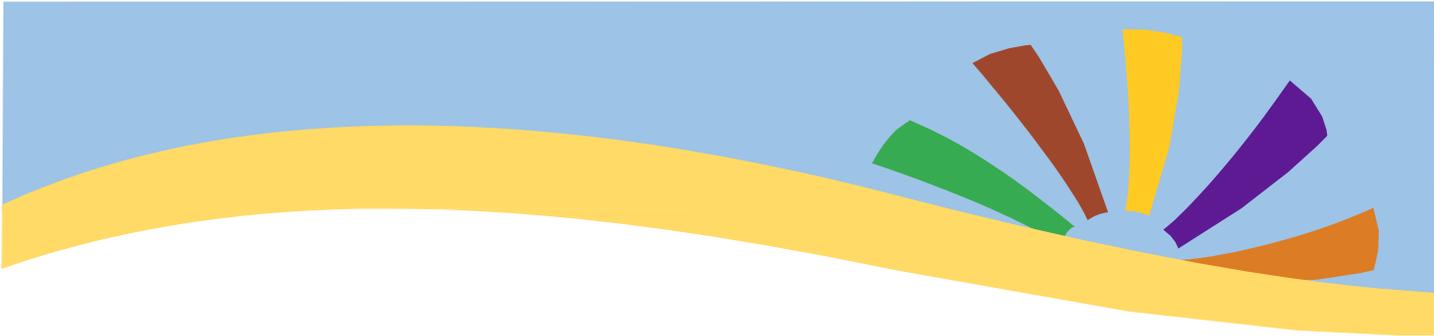
Peg Larson spoke about the need for information to be written down and passed on to the new Board members as far as each position's responsibilities and any connections, phone numbers, time lines, etc. that be helpful. Each board member will generate their turnover folder by the September Board meeting.

There was some discussion about the Budget meeting or lack of a meeting. The Budget Meeting is a mandatory meeting.

Adult sailing was discussed. Some suggestions: evening event, Jr. sailors teach it, other members volunteering to teach. \$30-60 for lesson. Some talk about charging for the lessons or asking for donations. Release of liability must be signed. Research into how other clubs handle this type of program needs to be done. Great idea!

Debbie presented what she found out about grants. Did not see a huge amount available. In the fall, several grant applications available: West Marine \$1500. Dept. of Boating & Waterways (must include water safety)& Andrewsmpsonfoundation.org. There were some grants that specified competition racing. In Merced County, Building Healthy Communities (\$1000 in the spring) Will look into this again in August.

Motion made to adjourn by John. Seconded by Peg & Debbie. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:10pm.



# Special Needs

# Sailing



Lake Yosemite Sailing Association, in cooperation with the Merced County Department of Parks and Recreation

Invite you to a Special Needs Sailing day and Barbecue at Lake Yosemite on

**Saturday July 22nd, 2017, 4 to 8 p.m.**

**Lake Yosemite Sailing Association Club  
House 5620 N. Lake Rd., Merced, CA**

RSVP to [ErkArkDad@gmail.com](mailto:ErkArkDad@gmail.com) to reserve a spot

Hamburgers and hot dogs and sailboat rides for free



**LAKE YOSEMITE  
SAILING ASSOCIATION**

# Sail Camp 2017

This learn to sail program is for kids between the ages of 8-16 and is held on Lake Yosemite. Five sessions will be offered for the upcoming 2017 season.

Campers will learn to sail on stable Lido 14 sailboats. El Toros and Lasers will also be available. Campers do not need prior sailing experience, but must know how to swim. The camp is taught by experienced youth sailing instructors under the supervision of adults. Members of the instructional team are CPR certified.

Youth who have been through at least four summers of our sail camp program and are at least fourteen years of age are encouraged to ask about junior counselor positions. Junior Counselors are volunteers who act as skippers and are expected to take on a roll of leadership helping the Head Counselor. Extra training days for JCs are a part of their growth as sailors and teachers. In future years JCs will have the opportunity to apply as paid counselors.



## Sail Camp Dates for 2017

Session 2: July 10 - 14

Session 3: July 17 - 21

Session 4: July 24 - 28

Session 5: July 31 - Aug. 4

**Contact Brigitte @ (209) 617-0284**

## **Membership Handbook** (Proposed changes indicated)

### **Introduction**

This is your official *Membership Handbook* which was designed to help ease you into Lake Yosemite Sailing Association (LYSA) life. It is our wish that your membership be a rewarding and enriching experience. If you have any questions, please feel free to call on any member of the Executive Board.

### **Tips for your Successful Membership**

Possess a positive attitude, and make a commitment to the success of the Association and its members.

Participate enthusiastically and remember that the benefits derived from membership are directly related to participation.

Attend meetings on a regular basis.

Help build a strong, diverse Association by introducing other sailing enthusiasts in the community to the Association.

Be a friend to all members and provide a supportive system of caring and sharing.

Use Rotary International's "4-Way Test" to ensure good ethics and behavior.

#### **Four-Way Test**

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

### **Closing Summary**

To make the most of your membership, get acquainted with other members, find a mentor - be a mentor, learn new and enhance present skills by participating in activities, and share in our decision-making and planning processes by attending meetings. We want your membership to be one of the best things that has ever happened to you.

Sincerely, The Executive Board

## **Bylaws**

### **Article I. Name**

The name of this organization is and shall continue to be Lake Yosemite Sailing Association.

### **Article II. Location**

The Headquarters of this Association shall be 5620 N Lake Road, Lake Yosemite Park, Merced. Mailing address is PO Box 3994, Merced, California, 95344.

### **Article III. Duration**

Established in 1988 and incorporated in 2000. The duration of this nonprofit Association shall be perpetual.

### **Article IV. Mission Statement**

The mission of Lake Yosemite Sailing Association, a family-oriented association, is to bring together sailing enthusiasts from the community and to provide opportunities for them to cruise, race, travel, and socialize.

### **Article V. Structure**

This Association shall be a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonprofit corporation whose members shall have the sole right to govern and control all of its activities through the Executive Board. The Officers of the Association shall be those provided for in these by-laws.

## **Article VI. Membership**

### **Section 1.**

Membership in this Association shall be subject to the provisions of these bylaws. Any individual or family, by accepting membership in the Association, does thereby agree to abide by all the provisions of the bylaws, rules, procedures, and policies of the Association.

### **Section 2.**

Membership in the Association shall be of one two classifications:

Probationary Member – A member in the first six months of membership who does not receive a key to the Clubhouse or Garage, but is a full member in every other respect.

Member - A member (individual or family) in good standing is entitled to participate in the activities of the Association and to receive all benefits accruing from dues that are paid in full.

### **Section 3.**

The annual dues for membership in the Association shall be established by the Executive Board of the Association and are payable in advance. Annual dues include a subscription to *Light Air*, the Association's official newsletter, PICYA membership, and a Membership Handbook.

### **Section 4.**

Any member whose annual dues are current shall be considered a member in good standing, and shall be eligible to participate in the privileges and benefits of the Association.

### **Section 5.**

Any member who does not pay the annual dues by March 1st shall at such time be considered an inactive member, and shall not be eligible to participate in the privileges and benefits of the Association. Membership shall be restored upon payment of annual dues during a two (2) year grace period; after which the inactive member must pay the annual membership fee and the current initiation fee.

## **Article VII. Executive Board**

### **Section 1.**

The Executive Board of the Association shall consist of nine eight officers as set forth in Article VIII of these bylaws.

### **Section 2.**

The Executive Board of the Association shall govern and control the affairs, policies, and business of the Association. The Executive Board shall have the power to employ or contract for a service, membership procurement, or managing agent for the purpose of serving the Association and its members. The Executive Board may approve non-budgeted expenditures up to \$300.00 \$500 without the approval of the membership. Non-budgeted requirements that exceed \$300.00 \$500 require general membership approval.

### **Section 3.**

A majority of the duly elected and qualified Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting.

### **Section 4.**

Any member shall have the right to make recommendations and proposals for the betterment of the Association. Members must bring any recommendations, proposals, complaints, concerns, or grievances to the Executive Board. If the Board does not act on the matter within sixty (60) days then the member may present the matter at the next general membership meeting.

## **Article VIII. Officers**

### **Section 1.**

The nine eight Officers of the Association shall consist of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Past Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Port Captain, House Captain, Racing Captain, and Cruising and Social Captain.

### **Section 2.**

Eligibility requirements for office are that a candidate shall be a member of unquestioned personal and professional integrity and reputation, willing and able to uphold the standards of the Association by act and deed for the benefit of the entire organization and the greatest good of all members possible.

### **Section 3.**

The election of Officers shall be by secret ballot cast by the members in good standing in attendance at the Annual End-of-Season Party. Members in good standing and unable to attend may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots may be obtained by contacting the Commodore. Absentee ballots will be available not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the election and must be received prior to the vote at the End-of-Season Party.

### **Section 4.**

The Officers of the Association shall each serve a term of one (1) year. In the event a vacancy occurs in any office of the Association, the Executive Board shall elect a member who is qualified for the office to serve the remainder of the term.

### **Section 5.**

The Executive Board shall from time to time prepare description of duties and responsibilities of the Officers. To be qualified for, and in order to continue serving in the office, all officers must conduct themselves in accordance with the duties and responsibilities.

ties in effect when elected. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Executive Board, excluding the officer not in compliance, may remove from office or otherwise censure any Officer who fails to meet the aforementioned duties and responsibilities.

## **Section 6.**

The duties of the respective Officers shall be:

**Commodore** - The commodore is the authorized leader of the Association. Maintains unity and harmony within the Association and directs officers, committees, and members toward common goals. Plans yearly projects, activities, and goals for the Association with the officers. Spearheads annual Open House fundraising event. Ensures officer and committee chairman training through orientation and sharing. Prepares agendas and presides at all meetings. Conveys information to the membership. Recognizes the efforts of all members. Serves as Association ambassador and spokesperson to the community. Votes on Board decisions when a tie-breaking vote is required.

**Vice-Commodore** - The vice commodore is expected to serve for three two years (the first year as vice commodore, second year as commodore, and third year as past commodore). Vice commodore is the Association membership ambassador encouraging membership and greeting and welcoming new member prospects. Assists in organizing and facilitating annual Open House fundraising event. Vice commodore is also education coordinator, promoting the development of member sailing skills. As the "commodore in training", the responsibilities include performing as primary aide to the commodore and assuming all duties and responsibilities in his/her absence. Responsible for the production and sale of LYSA merchandise.

**Past Commodore** - Commodore from the previous year shall serve as past commodore, participating in all meetings and activities. Duties are primarily advising and offering suggestions and input based on prior leadership experience in the Association.

**Secretary** - The secretary is the transcriber of the meetings and correspondence. Provides a summary of meeting minutes to the membership in newsletter. Ensures the production and distribution of monthly newsletter, *Light Air*, and the Membership Handbook.

**Treasurer** - The treasurer is responsible for handling all money transactions and is custodian of the financial records. Maintains a roster of members. Advises the Executive Board regarding finances and budget matters. Tracks accounts receivable and payable and provides monthly reports.

**Port Captain** - Facilities coordinator overseeing operation and maintenance of club facilities on water (docks, slips, moorings, and equipment), manages slip rentals and waiting lists, and ensures all rules and policies are enforced. Assists Racing Captain in organizing and facilitating annual Regatta fundraising event.

**House Captain** - Clubhouse coordinator overseeing the operation and maintenance of club facilities located on the beach (house, garages, yard, and equipment), manages dry storage rentals and waiting lists, and ensures all rules and policies are enforced. Responsible for procuring and storing supplies, and coordinating delivery to and from functions. Assists in organizing and facilitating annual Open House fundraising event.

**Racing Captain** - Plans racing activities. Coordinates the setting of the buoys and marks, running races, and keeping score. Responsible for procuring necessary race equipment and storing and coordinating delivery to and from races. At the end of season tallies scores and coordinates the making of trophies. At the End-of-Season Party presents race awards and recognitions. Spearheads annual Regatta fundraising event.

**Cruising & Social Captain** - Responsible for planning and organizing trips and social events. Coordinates reservations and itinerary for trips. Plans the time, place, reservations, food, and other special arrangements needed for meetings, trips, and social events. Social events include the Spring Kick-Off (opening day) in May, monthly last weekend Fun Sail Parties during summer months, End-of-Season Party in October, and Holiday Party in December. Assists in organizing and facilitating annual Open House and Regatta fundraising events.

## **Section 7.**

All officers of the Executive Board are expected to write and submit a monthly report or article for the newsletter. All Board officers shall serve as committee members for all fundraising activities (including Regatta and Open House) as appointed by the Commodore.

## **Article IX. Financial Liability**

Neither the Association nor any agent or representative of the Association shall be liable or responsible for the financial obligations of members.

## **Article X. Amendment of Bylaws**

Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership present at a regular meeting (excluding bylaws that pertain to budget matters such as membership dues, rental fees, or any other fees paid by members, which can only be changed with budget approval at the November general membership meeting for the next calendar year). Each membership (individual or family) is entitled to one vote. These amended bylaws or amendments thereto shall become effective immediately upon their adoption and made available to all members.

## **Article XI. Parliamentary Authority**

The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the bylaws, rules, procedures and policies of the Association.

## **Article XII. Meetings**

Regular Business and Executive Board meetings shall be the second Tuesday of each month, and Executive Board meetings shall be the first Tuesday of the month. Members shall be notified in advance of the time and place of each meeting.

## **Article XIII. Budget**

### **Section 1.**

Treasurer is authorized to disburse funds up to the approved budgeted amount, providing the expenditure was itemized in the approved budget.

### **Section 2.**

Treasurer shall provide a detailed financial report to the Board at the October Board meeting. The report will show revenue and expenses for the past two (2) years as a minimum, the current year-to-date, and estimated amounts for the next calendar year.

### **Section 3.**

At the November Board meeting, the Board will review, evaluate, and finalize the budget for the next calendar year and submit this budget to the general membership for approval.

### **Section 4.**

Membership dues, rental fees, and any other fees paid by members will be based on budget requirements for the next calendar year.

### **Section 5.**

The budget shall be approved by a majority vote of the members present at the November general membership meeting. This budget shall become effective on January First (1st) of the next year.

## **Article XIV. Behavior**

### **Section 1.**

The following definition of misconduct applies to the conduct of any member while at the Association's facilities or while attending any social or sailing event. Misconduct is defined as using abusive language or acting in a threatening manner and conduct which brings discredit to the Association or is contrary to the Association's mission statement.

### **Section 2.**

Any member who witnesses or is a victim of misconduct may voice a complaint at an Executive Board meeting. Evidence of the misconduct may be presented at the time the complaint is brought before the Board. Following the complaint, the member accused of the misconduct shall have the opportunity to speak and present evidence in his or her defense.

### **Section 3.**

Immediately after hearing from complainant and defendant, the Board will recess and reconvene in a Closed Door Executive Session to make a decision regarding the complaint. The Board may decide on one of the following options: Take no action. A verbal censure accompanied by a ninety (90) day probation period. If the censured member is accused of misconduct (following the procedures in Section 2) during the probationary period, and the Board upholds the complaint, the member will be automatically expelled. A sixty (60) day suspension from the Association's facilities (excluding the use of the dock) and all Association events and activities. The suspended member shall surrender his or her keys to the commodore for the sixty (60) day period. Expulsion from the Association. The member shall be allowed to reapply for membership after two (2) years. Renewal shall be granted if a majority of the sitting Board members approve.

## **Past Commodores**

1988 Eric Hadley

1989 Eric Hadley

1990 Eric Hadley

1991 Eric Hadley

1992 Eric Hadley

1993 Dwight Wigley/ Tim Jantzen

1994 Eric Hadley/ Jimmy Schriber

1995 Paul Eggleston  
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1997 Amy Boehme  
1998 Jay Sousa  
1999 John Lenker  
2000 Ed Dietz  
2001 Ed Green  
2002 Dennis Wainwright  
2003 Wes Unruh  
2004 Jay Sousa  
2005 Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler  
2006 Tom Cooke  
2007 Jerry Johnson  
2008 Mike Streal  
2009 Debora Dietz-Neves  
2010 Scott Foster  
2011 Craig Anderson  
2012 Thom Grimaldi  
2013 Mike Streal  
2014 Suzanne Johnson  
2015 Peggy Larson  
2016 Jay Sousa  
2017 Brigitte Bowers-Loeffler

#### **Membership Dues**

A one-time initiation fee of \$75.00 for new members is payable with first year annual dues. Annual dues are \$120.00 a year payable January 1st and prorated for new members only.

#### **Rental Rates Slips**

Mooring Buoy \$80 per year  
Small (*less than 8 feet in width*) \$80 per year  
Large (*more than 8 feet in width*) \$95 per year  
Extra-wide and Floating Dock Slips \$105 per year

#### **Dry Sailing and Winter Storage**

*Limited to boats 18 feet in length or less and must be seaworthy and clean. No tarps are allowed.*

Summer (April-September) \$180 \$140

Winter (October-March) \$100 \$140

#### **Other Fees**

Replacement Keys \$5.00

#### **Racing Policies**

Racing Season will commence with a Kick-Off the first weekend in May, and continue every Thursday evening. No official points will be counted until the first Thursday following Kick-Off weekend. All races will be no-call races. However, if inclement weather prevails, racing officer has latitude to call for a vote (one vote per boat). Check the website or with the Racing Captain for the summer schedule.

#### **Clubhouse Rules & Policies**

These rules are designed to give the greatest enjoyment and pleasure to club members. Observance by all members and guests is requested. All matters pertaining to the clubhouse should be directed to the House Captain

A key will be issued to each adult member upon their request.

Clubhouse is available to members at any time. The last member to leave will make certain that all lights have been turned off and windows and doors are locked securely.

Any member wishing to use the clubhouse for a function must make prior arrangements with the House Captain.

The sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by our insurance carrier and California State Law.

Smoking in the clubhouse is prohibited by California State Law.

Guests of any member are requested to sign the guest book. A member of a reciprocating yacht club may be extended privileges of the club after being properly signed into the guest book.

Children under twelve years of age shall be accompanied by an adult while in the clubhouse, and there shall be no romping about.

Club property lost or destroyed by a member, family member, or a guest must be replaced or paid for by the member.

No personal gear or equipment shall be stored in the clubhouse.

Proposed gifts, decorations, or furnishings intended for the clubhouse shall be approved by the Executive Board before acceptance.

Any changes or additions to the clubhouse must be approved by the Executive Board.

Any structural changes must include a conceptual drawing and estimated cost.

Do not expect others to clean up after you. Cleaning up the clubhouse including restroom, should be done by everyone. All trash should be placed in the proper outside receptacle. All tables and chairs should be wiped down after each use.

No skateboarding within the club premises.

All club members are expected to be courteous, considerate and respectful of all other members and guests.

#### **Dock Rules & Policies**

These rules and guidelines are designed to provide the greatest degree of safety and enjoyment to members and guests.

All matters pertaining to the docks should be directed to the Port Captain.

Recreational swimming around docks is prohibited. This includes floating on air mattresses or similar devices. There is obvious danger with boat traffic.

No dinghies or any other equipment is to be left on or stored on the docks.

Dock hoses are to be rolled up after using.

No running on docks. Adult supervision of children is always required. It is requested that while younger children are on the docks they wear a PFD.

In order to reduce the risk of bodily injury and the deterioration of docks, beginning January 1, 2001, no new carpeting of any kind may be installed anywhere on the docks. Existing carpeting installed on the docks may remain as long as it is in good condition. Existing carpeting deemed worn out or in poor condition must be removed and may not be replaced.

Any changes or additions to the docks must be approved by the Executive Board.

Any structural changes need a conceptual drawing and estimated cost.

Slip rentals are seasonal and boats and personal property must be removed from the premises no later than the water level reduction date determined by MID.

To reduce the risk of bodily injury, no hardware of any kind (cleats, etc.) may be installed on the main walkways of the dock. Trailers with or without boats are not allowed to be stored overnight in the parking areas at Lake Yosemite.

Any boat owner whose boat damages the docks will be liable for all repairs.

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